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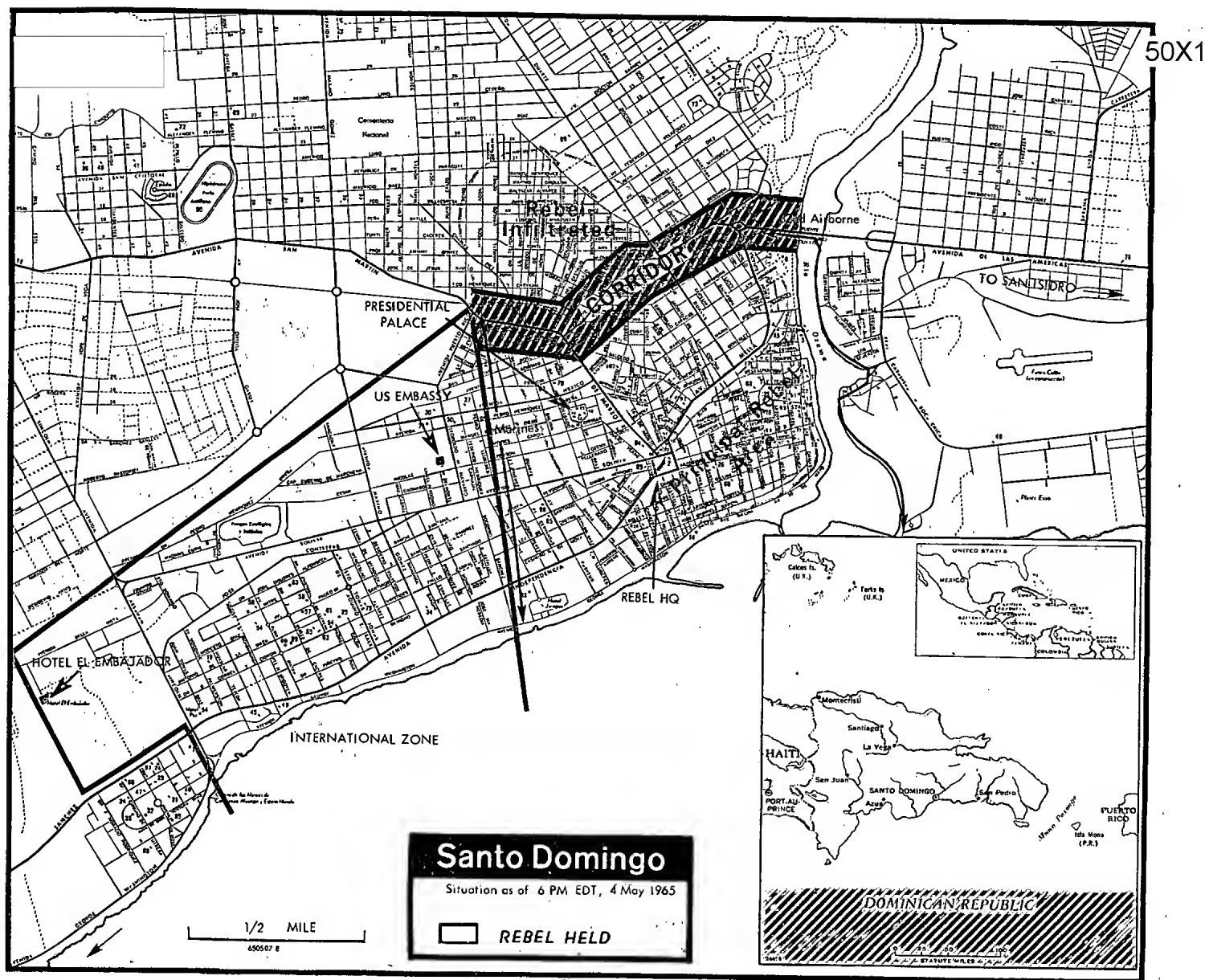
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LATE ITEM

(Information as of 5:00 p.m. EDT)

Dominican Republic

The much-postponed meeting of the delegates to the Organization of American States to discuss an inter-American peacekeeping force for the Dominican Republic now is supposed to convene at 9:00 p.m. EDT tonight. The delay has been occasioned by behind-the-scenes maneuvering to organize the two-thirds majority required to pass an enabling resolution.

In Santo Domingo, the security situation appears little changed during the day. Sporadic firing continues outside the international safety zone. The press reports the sinking by US forces of a trawler--apparently carrying ammunition which exploded--in the Ozama River. There is no information on where these arms came from. The US Embassy reports a general public "yearning" for an end to the conflict, evidenced by the increasing number of weapons being turned in at US military checkpoints.

No further reports have come in on activity by the rebel "government" headed by Colonel Caamano.

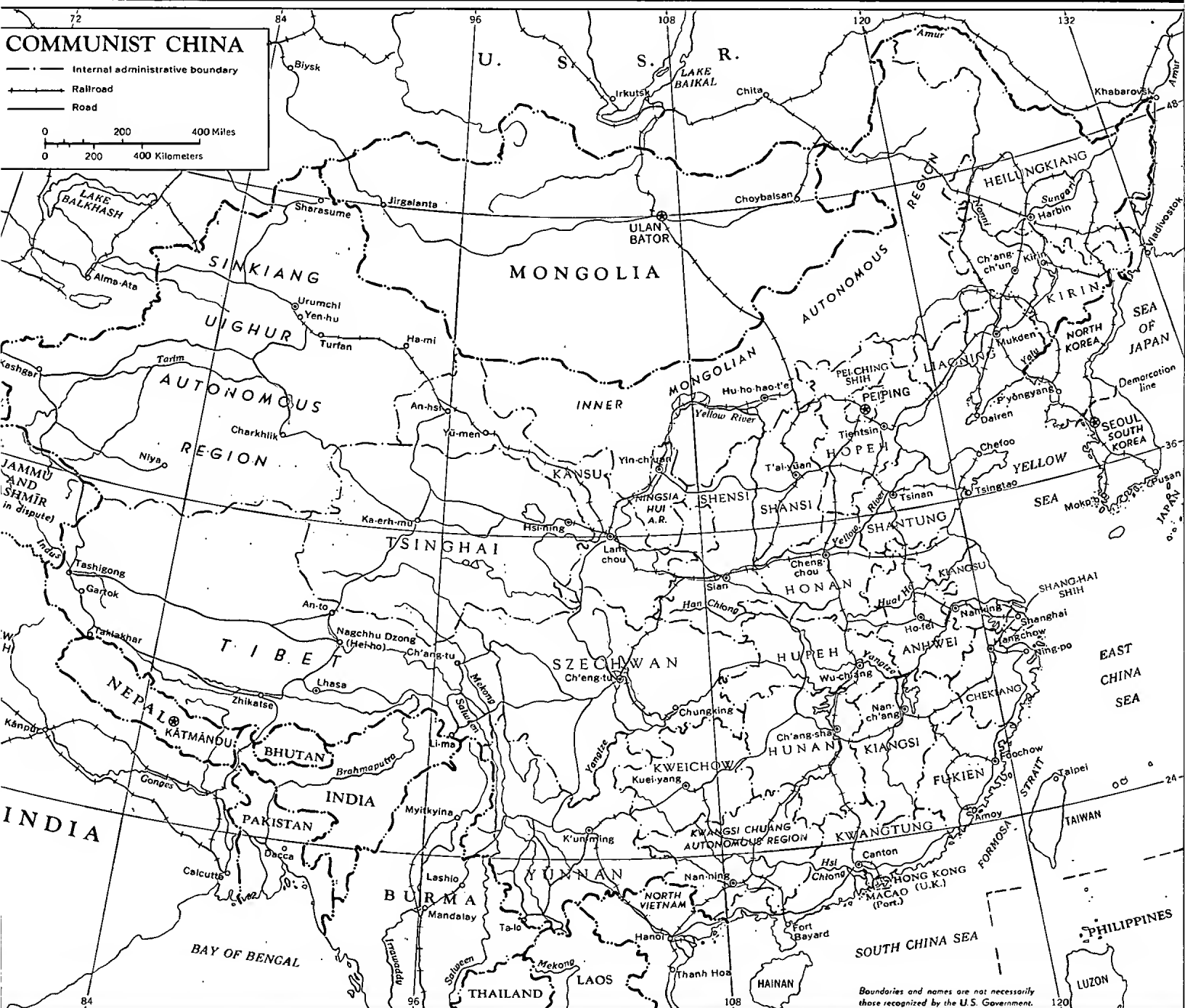
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Evidence of pro-rebel, anti-US sentiment in the countryside comes from a town about 80 miles north of the capital where a US helicopter team made a temporary forced landing yesterday. The townspeople, who mistook the team for an Organization of American States delegation, chanted pro-Bosch slogans and came close to rioting.

Couve de Murville told Ambassador Bohlen yesterday that he had "practically no information" from Santo Domingo.

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1. France

De Gaulle told Ambassador Bohlen yesterday that he remains committed to a re-examination of the North Atlantic alliance by 1969.

One of the objectives of this re-examination, De Gaulle said, would be the total elimination of current forms of political and military integration. All forces and military installations on French soil would then be "under French command and French command alone."

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2. Communist China

[redacted] foreigners are not being allowed to travel on rail lines north of Canton for two weeks in mid-May. One report indicates that foreigners have been held up on the line leading to the Vietnam border. (See map.)

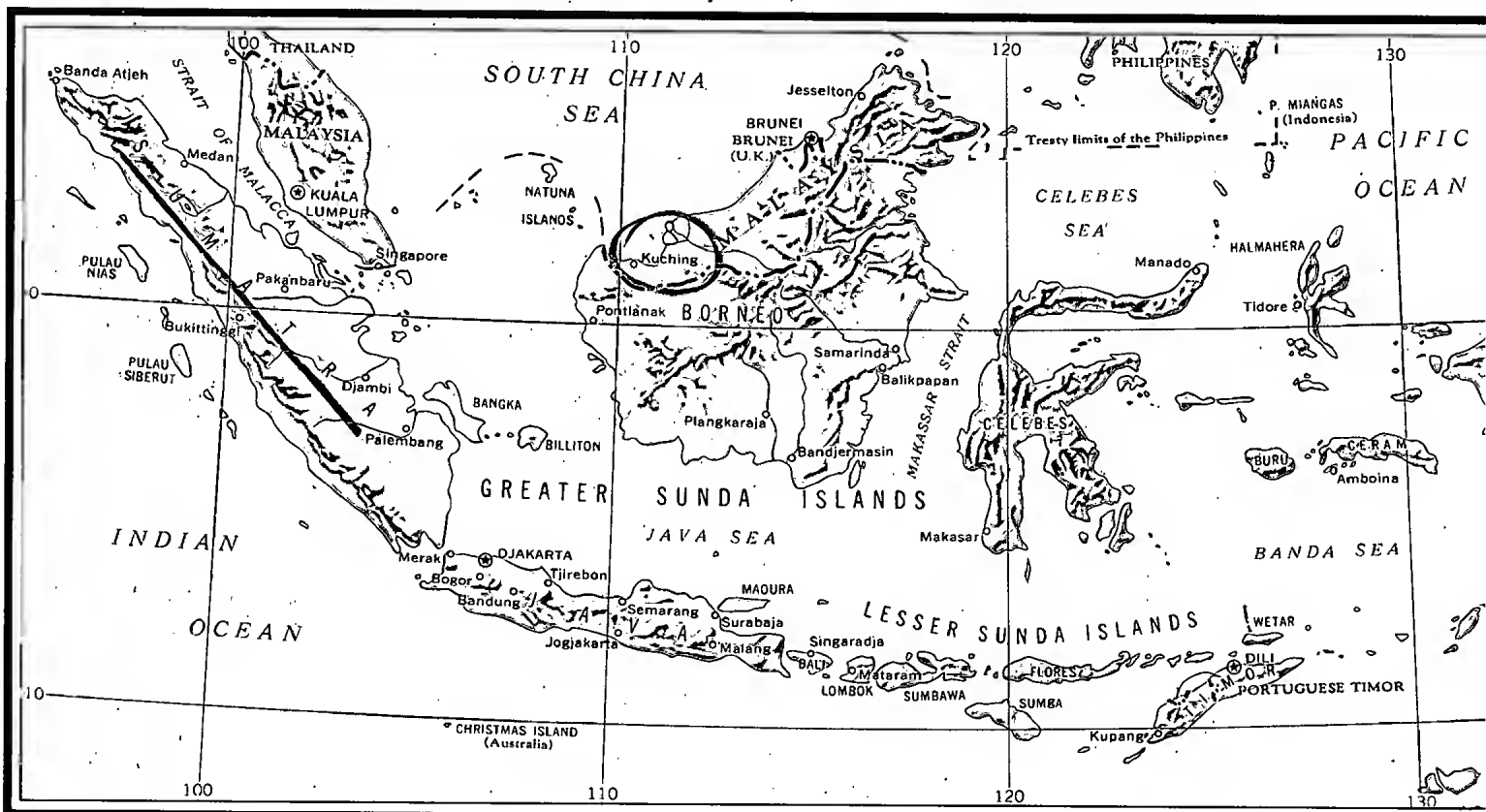
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There are a number of possible explanations. The most plausible is that the Chinese are trying to shield priority movement of military goods. Soviet military aid, including surface-to-air missiles, is said to be en route through China by rail, but we still have no hard evidence of this.

The interruption could also result from some as yet unexplained economic problem. However, as far as is known, freight service has not been affected, which has happened in past periods when large numbers of Chinese troops were being deployed.

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3. Vietnam

US officials reporting from the provinces note a considerable improvement in morale in government and military circles as well as among the populace. They attribute this to US and Vietnamese air strikes and the letup in Viet Cong pressures. They warn that morale could collapse quite suddenly in the event of new Viet Cong success.

There has been a slight increase in Communist harassing activity over the past several days. Key military leaders in Saigon expect a further step-up in the coming weeks.

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US Embassy officials point out that Viet Cong main force units are still in the Delta and Saigon areas in substantial strength and have not moved north as some press speculation has had it.

4. India

There is no essential change in the border confrontation with Pakistan, and the de facto cease-fire remains in effect.

Shastri is still under fire for his restraint in handling the Kutch incursions. The possibility of an Indian riposte into East Pakistan remains,

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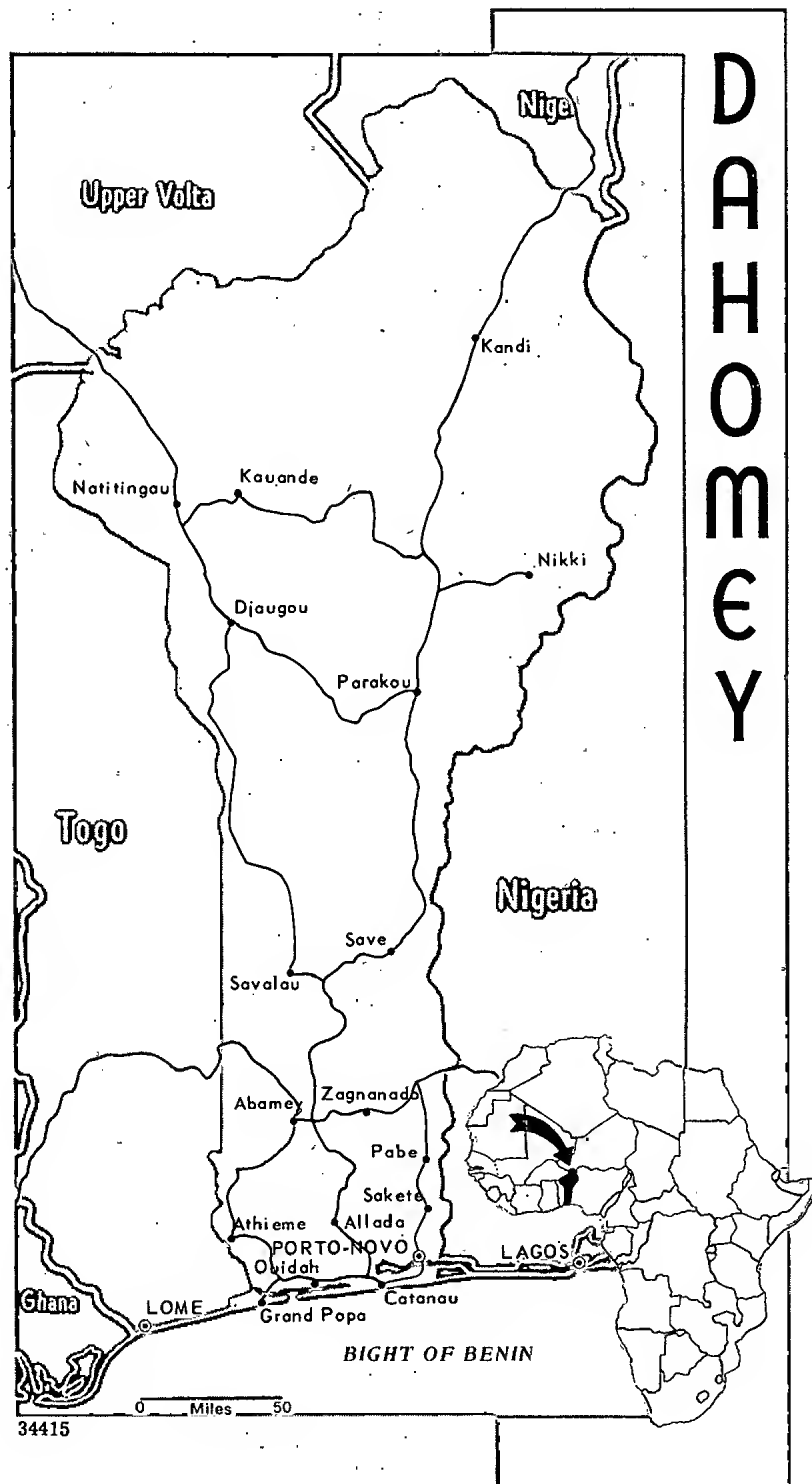
5. Indonesia

Djakarta is resuming its anti-Malaysia activities all along the line.

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6. Colombia

President Valencia's rickety government is in deep trouble.

The present crisis stems from Valencia's reluctance to take sides in a struggle for power now going on within his own party. As a result some elements are threatening to withdraw their support of his program in congress. The economy has been weak since the financial crisis last December.

Press criticism of Valencia's "do-nothing" leadership is rising. Coup rumors are again circulating.

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